

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device, comprising:

an upper polarizer ~~having a color filter layer~~ on a upper substrate having a color filter layer;

a lower substrate on a lower polarizer;

a liquid crystal layer disposed between the upper substrate and the lower substrate; and

a backlight device disposed opposite and adjacent to the lower polarizer for emitting light toward the lower polarizer;

wherein the lower polarizer includes a light shielding layer formed in a rectangular shape having a substantially centrally located rectangular opening along a peripheral portion of the lower polarizer to permit the light to pass through the substantially centrally located rectangular opening;

wherein the light shielding layer ~~[[only]]~~ blocks a portion of the light traveling to four peripheral sides of the lower polarizer for minimizing constructive interference at a peripheral portion of the LCD device; and

wherein the light shielding film absorbs light.

7. (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device according to claim 6, wherein the light shielding layer includes a coating that absorbs light.

8. (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 7, wherein the light shielding layer is formed by a printed material.

9. (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 6, wherein the light shielding layer extends along four peripheral sides of the lower polarizer.

10. (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 6, wherein the light shielding layer is dark.

11. (Previously Presented): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 6, wherein the light shielding layer is black.

12. (Previously Presented): The liquid crystal display (LCD) device of claim 6, wherein said liquid crystal display device is a dot matrix liquid crystal display.

13. (New): A liquid crystal display (LCD) device, comprising:

- a upper polarizer on a upper substrate having a color filter layer;
- a lower substrate on a lower polarizer;
- a light shielding material in the lower polarizer and along a peripheral portion of the lower polarizer to minimize constructive interference at a peripheral portion of the LCD device;
- a liquid crystal layer between the upper substrate and the lower substrate; and
- a backlight device below the lower polarizer for emitting light toward the lower polarizer.